

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the last paragraph on pg. 6 as follows:

A light 40 is positioned to illuminate a measured length on the tape 22. In one embodiment of the invention the light 40 most preferably is a light intermitting diode LED 41. A light switch 42 to is positioned to be operated in conjunction with the tape brake 46. Most preferably the light switch 42 comprises a slide button 44 centrally positioned on the tape brake 46. If the light 40 comprises a focused light 48, or laser 50, and is positioned to illuminate the measured length on the tape 22 then the problem of parallax is largely avoided. If the tape 22 comprises numerals 30 for outside measurement of one color and numerals [30] 31 for inside measurement of a different color and if the numerals [30] 31 for inside measurement significantly contrast with a color of the light emitting diode 41 then the numerals [30] 31 for inside measurement will significantly stand out from the outside measurement numerals 30 when the light emitting diode 41 is switched on.

On page 7 please change the first full paragraph as follows:

When the tape measure 20 comprises a belt clip 50 having a downwardly extending arm 52 which is attached to a broad side of the housing 24, if a soft plastic gripping pad [54] 56 is positioned on either the belt clip arm 52 or the broad side of the housing 24 adjacent to the arm 52, then better adhesion is provided when the belt clip 50 is engaged on a worn belt 10. In a preferred embodiment of the invention the belt clip arm 52 has an opening [56] 54

therethrough and the gripping pad extends through the opening 54 as well as over and around the opening 54 on both a belt side and an opposite side of the belt clip arm 52. Figure 3 is a perspective view showing the rear side portion of the belt clip 50 shown in figure 2.

Please note two alternative styles of gripping pads [54] 56 positioned on arm 52 as shown in figure 1 and figure 2. The gripping pad 56 may alternatively, or additionally, be placed on the housing 24 adjacent to a lower portion of the belt clip arm 52. Again please note two alternative styles of gripping pads positioned on the housing 24 adjacent to the lower portion of the belt clip 52. To provide better gripping the gripping pad 56 may comprise a raised area on either the belt clip 50 or the housing 24.